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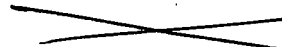
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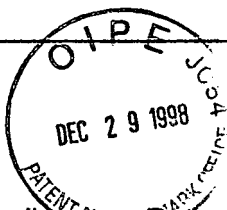


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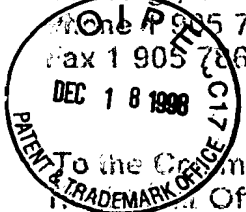
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Dear Sir,

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title Rot Protector.

Thank you for the notice of missing parts. I am a small entity and am entitled to file with the small entity fee scale.

Accordingly I am enclosing herewith an independent Inventor declaration, signed by myself

I trust that this completes the file to your satisfaction.  
If you require anything more please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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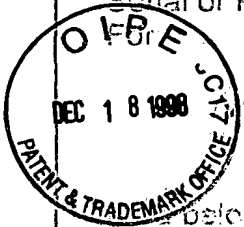
  
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